

## M I N U T E S

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING JAN. 4, 1977

The first meeting of the Supervisor and County Council was held at 3 P.M. in the meeting room. Present for the meeting: Supervisor Phinney, Councilmen: Bailes, Cox, Crain, Moore, Herring, Frady and Thomas, and the news media. Councilman Ables was absent. The Supervisor and Councilmen were sworn in by Judge Cureton.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Phinney with the Invocation by Rev. Thomas Watson. The first order of business was the presentation by Mr. Phinney of Ordinance #77-1. After some discussion it was decided to amend paragraph 3, page 1 to read December 31, 1978 instead of 1979. This Ordinance was explained briefly by County Attorney W. Jerry Fedder. Mr. Bailes moved to waive reading of the Ordinance on 1st reading. Mr. Thomas seconded and it was agreed. Mr. Bailes then moved to amend the Ordinance to start meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 P.M. - this was seconded by Mr. Thomas and discussed. Mr. Bailes amended his motion to hold two meetings per month, the 1st Tuesday at 3 P.M. and 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. Mr. Moore seconded the amendment and the vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Bailes then moved for the adoption (with amendments) on 1st reading. Mr. Herring seconded and the votes were all in favor.

Councilman Moore moved to adopt a Resolution to abide by Ordinance 77-1 until its final adoption. Councilman Crain seconded. It was carried.

Chairman Phinney announced that nominations were in order for Vice Chairman. Mr. Herring was nominated by Mr. Thomas - Mr. Moore seconded. There were no other nominations and Mr. Bailes moved he be accepted by acclamation. Mr. Moore seconded and all voted in favor of Mr. Herring. The Chairman then asked for nominations for Council Clerk. Pat Orr was nominated by Mr. Moore - Mr. Cox seconded and all votes were favorable. The following Department Heads were nominated by Mr. Phinney and approved by Council unanimously: County Attorney, Wm. Jerry Fedder; County Physician, Drs. Charles T., Jr. and Earl P. Battle; Director of Budget and Planning, Richard Lay; Purchasing Director, Gene Gaillard; Personnel Director, Roy Strickland; and Tax Assessor, D. E. Medford.

Standing Committess were announced by Mr. Phinney; they are as follows:

Roads and Transportation: Chrm. Crain - Members: Herring, Moore and Frady

Personnel and Administration: Chrm. Cox - Members:  
Bailes, Herring, and  
Ables

Budget and Finance: Chrm. Bailes - Members: Thomas,  
Ables and Crain

Real Estate, Bldgs. & Grounds: Chrm. Herring - Members:  
Moore, Cox, and Frady

Criminal Justice & Law Enf.: Chrm. Thomas - Members:  
Bailes, Ables, and Crain

Public Health, Safety Welfare & Services: Chrm. Moore -  
Members: Frady, Bailes  
and Cox.

Procurement and Contracting: Chrm. Frady - Members: Thomas,  
Moore and Crain.

Intergovernmental Realties, Education and Legislative:  
Chrm. Ables - Members: Thomas,  
Herring and Cox

Goals and Objectives of the new Administration were outlined by Richard Lay. They met the approval of Council Members.

Councilman Bailes read a letter from Col. Ervin T. Kock of St. Louis, Mo., requesting he be made an honorary citizen of Oconee County and moved to grant the Colonel's wishes. Mr. Thomas seconded and it was carried. Mr. Bailes then discussed a bill from McKee Grading for services and pumps used at the Law Enforcement Construction site. Mr. Bailes stated the Council has assumed responsibility for this bill and Mr. McKee has been asked to give a breakdown of this charge. Since there is some question regarding this bill, Mr. Thomas suggested it be acted on in a full Council meeting when the itemized bill is received.

Mr. Moore moved, Mr. Thomas seconded and it was carried to accept minutes of the December 16th meeting as printed.

Mr. Thomas was referred a request from the Bayshore Association for tax exemption because of its eleemosynary status at an earlier meeting. He reported that this would have to be handled by the Legislative Delegation and referred it back to the Chairman.

Mr. Thomas moved to increase the salary for County Auditor Kenneth William from \$14,500 to \$15,000 effective January 1, 1977 making his salary equal to the Treasurer. Mr. Herring seconded and it was passed.

Council Members agreed action should be taken to proceed as soon as possible with the hiring of a County Engineer.

Mr. Bailes stated he is presently the contact man for Architects at the Law Enforcement Center and recommended that Mr. Lay now be the one for Mr. Wells to contact. Councilmen agreed.

Council Crain suggested a different Minister from the County be invited to offer the invocation at each Council meeting. Mr. Thomas moved to appoint Mr. Crain to be responsible for arranging this. Mr. Cox seconded and it was agreed. Mr. Crain further requested time be set aside at each meeting for Citizen in-put. It was agreed.

Mr. Lay announced investments totaling \$5,200,000.00 this date which included Duke Power Company's tax of approximately \$4,000,000.00. Mr. Lay also reported he had contacted COG relative to the status of the Public Works Grant application for improvement of County Roads and found that it had not been approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.